(b) if so, by when the concrete steps would be taken in this direction; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The National Common Minimum Programme has identified a number of areas to be implemented over the next five years, which will help the common man reap the benefits of economic reforms. In this connection, a number of task groups have been setup. The Standing Committees of National Development Council are also being reconstituted. A Committee on Infrastructure has also been set up. The recommendations of these groups would form the basis for ensuring that the benefits of reforms reach the common man.

Financial aid to backward districts

†793. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided additional financial aid amounting to Rs. 3,750 crores to 150 backward districts of country including areas of Bihar and Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of these 150 districts, State-wise and the amount allocated for development of each district; and

(c) whether any action plan has been prepared to spend this amount; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The backward districts initiative of Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana, a new programme launched in the 10th Plan, covers 147 districts including 21 districts of Bihar and 5 districts of Orissa. For each district, a sum of Rs. 15 crore per year is to be provided for three years for implementation of schemes included in the District Plans. List of districts, State-wise is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) The State Governments are required to prepare Perspective District Plan of each district for three years and implement it after approval.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of districts regarding financial aid to backward districts

Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana: Backward Districts Initiative

I. List of backward districts

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Adilabad
		2. Warangal
		3. Chittoor
		4. Mahbubnagar
		5. Vizianagaram
2.	Bihar	1. Vaishali
		2. Samastipur
		3. Sheohar
		4. Jamui
		5. Nawadah
		6. Araria
		7. Darbhanga
		8. Purnea
		9. Madhubani
		10. Supaul
		11. Muzaffarpur
		12. Katihar
		13. Lakhisarai
3.	Chhattisgarh	1. Bastar
		2. Dantewada
		3. Kankar

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
		4. Bilaspur
4.	Gujarat	1. Dangs
		2. Dohad
		3. Panchmahals
5.	Haryana	1. Sirsa
6.	Jharkhand	1. Lohardagga
		2. Gumla
		3. Simdega
		4. Saraikela
		5. Singhbhum West
		6. Godda
7.	Karnataka	1. Gulbarga
		2. Bidar
		3. Chitradurga
		4. Davangere
8.	Kerala	1. Palakkad
		2. Wynad
9.	Madhya Pradesh	1. Mandla
		2. Barwani
		3. West Nimar
		4. Seoni
		5. Shahdol
		6. Umaria
		7. Balaghat

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
		8. Satna
		9. Sidhi
10.	Maharashtra	1. Gadchiroli
		2. Bhandara
		3. Gondia
		4. Chandrapur
		5. Hingoli
		6. Nanded
		7. Dhule
		8. Nandurbar
		9. Ahmednagar
11.	Orissa	1. Keonjhar
		2. Sundargarh
12.	Punjab	1. Hoshiarpur
13.	Rajasthan	1. Banswara
		2. Dungarpur
		3. Jhalawar
14.	Tamil Nadu	1. Tiruvannamalai
		2. Dindigul
		3. Cuddalore
		4. Naggapattinam
		5. Sivgangai
15.	Uttar Pradesh	1. Sonbhadra
		2. Rae Bareli

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
		3. Unnao
		4. Sitapur
		5. Hardoi
		6. Banda
		7. Chitrakoot
		8. Fatehpur
		9. Barabanki
		10. Mirzapur
		11. Gorakhpur
		12. Kushinagar
		13. Lalitpur
		14. Jaunpur
		15. Hamirpur
		16. Jalaun
		17. Mahoba
		18. Kaushambi
		19. Azamgarh
		20. Pratapgarh
16.	West Bengal	1. Purulia
		2. 24 South Parganas
		3. Jalpaiguri
		4. Midnapur West
		5. South Dinajpur
		6. Bankura

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
		7. North Dinajpur
		8. Birbhum
	Special Category States	
17.	Assam	1. Kokrajhar
		2. North Lakhimpur
		3. Karbi Anglong
		4. Dhemaji
		5. North Cachar Hills
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	1. Upper Subansiri
19.	Himachal Pradesh	1. Chamba
		2. Sirmaur
20.	Jammu and Kashmir	1. Doda
		2. Kupwara
		3. Poonch
21.	Manipur	1. Tamenlong
22.	Meghalaya	1. West Garo Hills
23.	Mizoram	1. Lawngtlai
24.	Nagaland	1. Mon
25.	Sikkim	1. Sikkim
26.	Tripura	1. Dhalai
27.	Uttaranchal	1. Champavat
		2. Tehri Garhwal
		3. Chamoli
	TOTAL:	115

II. List of extremist affected districts

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Karimnagar
		2. Khammam
		3. Medak
		4. Nalgonda
		5. Nizamabad
2.	Bihar	1. Aurangabad
		2. Gaya
		3. Jehanabad
		4. Rohtas
		5. Nalanda
		6. Patna
		7. Bhojpur
		8. Kaimur
3.	Jharkhand	1. Hazaribagh
		2. Palamu
		3. Chatra
		4. Garhwa
		5. Ranchi
		6. Latehar
		7. Giridih
		8. Koderma
		9. Bokaro
		10. Dhanbad

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Name of the District
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1. Dindori
5.	Chhattisgarh	1. Kawardha
		2. Rajnandgaon
		3. Sarguja
		4. Jashpur
6.	Orissa	1. Ganjam
		2. Gajapati
		3. Mayurbhanj
7.	Uttar Pradesh	1. Chandauli
	TOTAL:	32
	GRAND TOTAL:	**147**

Funds for KBK connectivity drive

794. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre propose to advance Rs. 435 crore for KBK connectivity drive to Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Centre also propose to grant additional financial help to control poverty in this region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The State Government have proposed a special project for rural connectivity in the KBK districts of Orissa. This project is currently being funded from the available funds under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.